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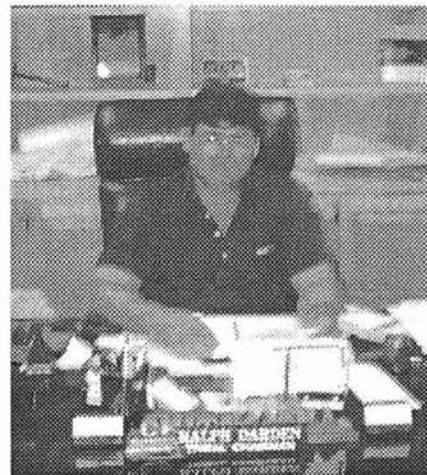
Ted M. Darden

"SOVEREIGN NATION OF THE CHITIMACHA"

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Tribal Members:

I would like to thank you for the confidence shown in me by your vote in the recent election and for giving me the opportunity to continue my work. I am extremely proud of the progress made in the past eight years such as the education programs, senior and youth programs and improvements in health care. I am proud of the fact that we have been able to build our infrastructure, accumulate the resources necessary to protect our future and distribute per capita payments to every tribal member. However, I view your vote not as a vote of the past but a mandate for the future and I want you to know that I acknowledge and accept the challenge. Thank you again for letting me be a part of this exciting time in our history.



Chairman Ralph C. Darden

The general meeting went very well. I felt that a lot of information was explained in various programs and many good questions came from the audience. We are beginning to work on the necessary steps to increase the per capita to the maximum allowed by federal law (which is 50%). Also, research is being done on the effects that the per capita has on various programs, such as food stamps, SSI, medicare and medicaid. We are trying to arrange a meeting here with people from every department that can give us a ruling or definite answer of what the outcome will be. Every case so far has been a little different. Once all this information is compiled, it will go out to you and in October, a general meeting will be held specifically on per capita.

Personal Health Update

As all of you know, I had a kidney removed last year that was malignant. On June 25th, I went for an annual check-up (that includes more tests than a quarterly check-up) and was diagnosed with another cancer. The doctor found a lump in my neck and asked me how long it had been there and I said "what lump". On June 30th I had surgery and had it removed. The doctor assured me that everything was alright, however, I would have to take radium treatments this time just to be sure. I want you to know that this will in no way affect my performance in my work.

Until Next Month!!!

"Kop's Korner"

News from the Chitimacha P.D.
Frank McCloskey, Police Chief



JUNE 1997

For the month of June, the police department issued two citations for no drivers license, and one citation each for operating a vehicle without insurance and for operating a vehicle with a switched license plate. One arrest was logged on the charge of simple assault.

CHIEF OF POLICE ATTENDS TRAINING ACADEMY

Chief McCloskey is now in his tenth week of attending The St. Mary Sheriff's Department Basic Training Academy. Chief McCloskey attends training classes from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, at the Sheriff's Office in Franklin. He has approximately six weeks of training left before taking the state examination to be POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified in the state of Louisiana. We all wish the Chief the best of luck with his studies!

JUNIOR POLICE UPDATE

Great news! Our car wash and bake sale on Saturday, June 21, was a huge success. There are many people to thank for making the event as successful as it was--the junior police that came out on Thursday, June 19, and went house to house on the reservation and the Charenton community to hand out flyers about the car wash, our neighborhood friends, junior police parents and

tribal and police department employees that donated the delicious cakes and cookies for our bake sale, the Trading Post for donating drinks and the Cypress Bayou Casino for donating hot dogs and hot dog buns for the kids working the car wash, the maintenance crew for allowing us to borrow water hoses, vacuum and extension cords, all the junior police kids, parents and police department personnel that came out and got all wet while washing cars and last, but not least, all the supporters that brought their vehicles to be cleaned. If we have forgotten anyone, forgive us, but please know that all the help and support was very much appreciated. We raised \$305.00. We are that much closer to going on that special trip! Be on the lookout for our next fund raiser--the junior police will be selling raffle tickets and we have three great prizes to give away. Thanks for your support!

DEMONSTRATION DAY

On Saturday, June 28, the police department hosted a "demonstration day" at the tribal ball park.

Community members got to see how Officer Clayton Arnold and his K-9 partner, Iwan, work together. There was a display of emergency vehicles from the Chitimacha Police Department, the Chitimacha/Charenton Fire Department, and Acadian Ambulance Service, also personnel from each department were there to answer questions about the services that are provided. The St. Mary Parish SWAT Team was also present to display some of their equipment and answer questions.

We would like to remind everyone of the following "Park Rules" for the Chitimacha Tribal Ball Park:

PARK RULES

PARK HOURS ARE FROM 6 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

LIGHTS OFF AT 10 P.M.

NO LITTERING

NO GLASS CONTAINERS

NO HORSES, BICYCLES OR MOTOR VEHICLES (THIS INCLUDES 4-WHEELERS)

NO DISORDERLY CONDUCT

NO PROFANITY

NO THROWING SAND

NOTE: The only exception to the 10 p.m.

rule is if the pavilion has been rented out for a function.

Any one found loitering in the park after 10 p.m. will be given a warning. If officers have to continue giving warnings, subjects can be arrested on a tribal code of criminal trespass for Indians and a state code of remaining where forbidden for Non-Indians. We would also like to remind tribal members under the age of 18 about the curfew:

A curfew is established for each child under the age of 18 years as follows:

No child shall walk, run, loiter, stand or ride in or on any vehicle upon any street, highway, road, alley, public property or vacant premises:

1. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day from Sunday through Thursday, or;

2. Between the hours of 11:45 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day from Friday through Saturday and on any holiday,

unless he or she is either: (1) accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor; or (2) attending a school, civic or church function or activity and returns to his or her home within 30 minutes after the termination of such civic, school or church function or activity.

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS

WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF EVERYONE, THE NEW STOP SIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT UP ON THE RESERVATION. THE STOP SIGNS HAVE BEEN PLACED BY TUNICA DRIVE, COUSHATTA DRIVE, CHOCTAW AND CHITIMACHA LOOP ROAD, MAKING THESE INTERSECTIONS EITHER THREE OR FOUR WAY STOPS. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY AND WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THEM TO BUCKLE UP AND DRIVE SAFELY!

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

By: Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

CASES: (10)

5 Civil Actions (1 Petitions To Make Judgment Executory and For Judgment Debtor Rule, 3 Garnishments and 1 Civil Tort); 2 Criminal, and 3 Traffic.

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (22)

22 Assignments

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (00)

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED
IN JUNE
(32)**

CASES PENDING AS OF JUNE 1, 1997:

TRIAL COURT: (39)

29 Civil (12 Torts/1 Probate/14
Reg. Civil/ 2 Judg. Debtors)
01 Criminal
02 Domestic Relations
02 Juvenile
05 Traffic

APPELLATE COURT: (01)

01 Civil Tort Action

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL TRIAL COURT:

The monthly Tribal Trial Court session was held on June 4 1997, at which time 16 matters were scheduled to be heard;

- (1) CRIMINAL (Arraignment);
- (2) DOMESTIC RELATIONS (1 Hear. Pet. For Change in Custody and 1 Reg. Hearing);
- (3) CIVIL TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS (Hears/Trials);
- (4) CIVIL TORT ACTIONS (1 Motions Hear./ 1 Status Conf./1 Rule To Show Cause and 1 Preliminary Hearing);
- (3) JUVENILE (1 Rev. Hear./1 Initial Hear. and 1 Hear. on Motion to Transfer, and;
- (3) REG. CIVIL (1 Hearing On Civil Complaint and 2 Judg. Debtor Rules).

A special session was also conducted on June 13, 1997, at which 1 Criminal Arraignment was conducted.

JULY SESSION:

Our next regular session is scheduled for July 2, 1997 with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806

Cultural Department News

By: Kimberly S. Walden

The Cultural Department has begun the first of many summer workshops (see Cultural Community News) and other workshops are still being organized for later this summer and fall. We are in the process of scheduling these workshops to accommodate the instructors and the participants. The instructors for the pottery class and the moccasin class are from up North. We could not convince them to come to South Louisiana in the summer time, especially in July, so these workshops will take place no earlier than August. The moccasin class and fan construction class are filled. Anyone interested in attending the pottery, hoop-net making, shawl construction, or the Chitimacha cooking classes should **call the department at 923-9923, to reserve their space.**

The 1997 Miss Chitimacha Nation/Jr. Chitimacha Nation Pageant, scheduled for June 15, 1997, was canceled due to the contestants withdrawing their entries. At Community Appreciation Day, 1996 Miss Chitimacha Nation, Nikina Vilcan, and 1996 Jr. Chitimacha Nation, Nicole Clements, were announced as 1997 royalty. They will continue to represent the Tribe for another year. These young ladies did a wonderful job last year and we are looking forward to another year of working with them. Also at Community Appreciation Day, Nikina received the first crown made by a Chitimacha, with a Chitimacha basket design, done in only Chitimacha colors (black, yellow, and red). We are proud to have designed a "Chitimacha" crown. We will continue to have crowns made by our people, with our basket designs, and our colors, so that wherever Miss Chitimacha Nation goes, wearing her crown, people will begin to recognize her as Chitimacha. Nikina's crown was made by Ardith B. Soprano. Great job, Ardith!

Cultural Community News

By: Carolyn Savage

We had our first bead-working classes this week. Ten children participated ranging in ages five to fifteen. They all made chokers, key rings and necklaces. By the third day Lonnie Martin, Natalie Vilcan, Jenna Marcotte and Chelsey Cook were working on the loom. They did a very good job for their first time. All of the children have been so excited about coming to class and completing their projects. We have three more weeks of children's classes and they are all full at this time.

There will be a shawl making class from July 14 - 17 starting at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in making a shawl **you must come by or call us** and let us know what color material and fringe you want. We will have everything ready for you when the class begins. We still have space available for a few more participants so don't hesitate to **call us as soon as possible at 923-9923.**

The Monday night beading classes will continue. Young adults and adults are invited to come from 6 - 7 p.m.

It is a privilege to work with our community members. We want to thank you all for making our summer program a success.

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NEWS FROM THE PAST

By: Melanie Marcotte

In this months section of *News From the Past*, old Chitimacha legends will be told. All have been taken from documentation of ethnographic studies done with Chitimacha elders.

NOTE: These legends are written exactly as they were recorded in the old documents. On file in the Cultural and Historical Research and Development Department are many different versions of these legends, located through documents dating from 1861 up into the 1970's. Also on file are many other legends found. Space has limited my being able to write them all into this one article.

U'STAPU - LEGEND OF THE WEST WIND

Documented by J. R. Swanton, 1911

A little boy named U'stapu was lying in a bunk close to the shore of the lake. His people had come here from the prairies in order to cross, but the wind was too high. As he lay there U'stapu discovered a boy fanning with a fan of turkey feathers. This was the boy that makes the west wind. Then U'stapu said to his people: "I can break the arm of the boy that makes the west wind." All laughed at him, but he took up a shell, threw it at the boy who was making the wind, and broke his left arm. Therefore, when the west wind was high, the Indians used to say this boy was using his good arm, and if it was gentle, they said he was using his broken arm. Before that time the west wind used to be very bad, because the west-wind maker could change hands, but since then it has been much gentler. It is possible that this boy made the other winds also.

THE CUSTOM OF BLESSING THE SEED CORN

Documented by Frances Densmore, 1933, as told by Benjamin Paul

In old time each family kept its own seed corn, which was "blessed" by the chief before being planted. Alex Darden was the last chief who followed this custom and he died the year that Benjamin Paul was born, but the old people showed Paul the motion of the "blessing"

and the dance connected with it. The chief also blessed the harvest before any of the grain was eaten. The same custom was observed with the first fish or game of the year. A boy was not allowed to taste the first fish or game he secured until it had been "blessed".

THE GREAT FLOOD

Documented by John R. Swanton, 1911, in interview with Benjamin Paul

When the great flood came the people bake a great earthen pot, in which two persons saved themselves, being borne up upon the surface of the waters. With them went two rattlesnakes. So the rattlesnake was thought to be the friend of man, and it is maintained that in ancient times each house was protected by one of these serpents, which entered it, whenever its owner went away and retired when he came back. While the flood prevailed the cuc-ka'konsmon (red headed woodpecker) hooked his claws into the sky and hung there. The water rose so high that his tail was partly submerged and sediment deposited upon it by the disturbed waters marked it off sharply from the rest of the body as it is today. After the sea had subsided considerably, this bird was sent to find land, but after a long search he came back empty handed. Then the dove was sent and returned with a single grain of sand. This was placed upon the surface of the sea and made to stretch out in order to form the dry land. Therefore the dove is called Ne-he tcmon (ground watcher), because it saw the ground come out when the great flood subsided.

GREAT SPIRIT MADE THE WORLD

Documented by G.J. Delcambre, 1955, in interview with Ernest Darden

Honoring the Great Spirit, the Chitimacha believed that He made the world and all that was in it from his own body. He did not look like a man, they believed, because he had no eyes and ears. But he could see everything and could hear everything and knew everything.

First there was nothing but water, hiding the earth. The Great Spirit made fish and shellfish to live in the water. The Chitimacha believed he told the crawfish to dive under the water and bring up mud to make the earth. As soon as this was done, he made men and called the earth and men "Chitimacha".

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They believed he gave men laws to live by, and for a time all went well. But soon the men forgot the laws and the world was no longer good. The Great Spirit knew something must be done. He finally made tobacco and women and gave them to man. But still, all was not well. The animals made fun of men because he had neither fur nor feathers to cover his body. Legend has it that he gave man bows and arrows to shoot the animals and use their fur to cover his body.

The world needed light and heat, so the Great Spirit made the moon and the sun. The moon was man and the sun his wife.

Indian legend says the Great Spirit told them they must bathe often in order to be strong enough to give off light and heat. The sun did what she was told and bathed often. But the moon did not obey. He took no baths. And to this day, he can still be seen chasing across the sky trying to catch the sun.

BAYOU TECHE

Documented by Katherine Nave Hester, 1957, in interview with Emile Stouff and Robert Vilcan

"This is how Bayou Teche was formed", they tell you. "Ages ago a huge, venomous snake lay across the land. Its length was not measured by feet but by miles. Its head lay beyond where Morgan City stands today. Its tail lay farther west than St. Martinville. After a time the Chettimanchi chief called his warriors to battle with the serpent. Their weapons were clubs, bows and arrows, the arrows tipped with the teeth of the garfish. The snake writhed as they wounded it. It turned, twisted and coiled in its death struggle. The great body broadened, curved and deepened the mud where it lay. The waters flowed in, cutting the channel deeper and deeper. That was the way the Bayou Teche was made. The 'Teche' in the Chettimanchi tongue means 'snake'."

A MAN SETTING LAND ON FIRE

Documented by Morris Swadesh, 1907, first written in Chitimacha, then the English translation

We asi kaptek'uni'nki tat ku'nuku si'tup poko'nk'pa tep ca'xtcii.
That man became angry after they say to the sea high grass fire he put in

Ne amona'k kapi'tspikext we tcax ku'nuku. Kappe'ct ku'nuku
Land all he wants to set fire that bird said. Having flown it said

ku'nak kapwi'ca ta'tii. "Ku'nak niwi'ca." "Ku'nak niwi'ca."
Water was to be burnt he said. "He is going to burn the water and everything." "He is going to burn the Water and everything."

"Hike'tic takai'itcuc kapket'tcu'k ku'nuku. Naxmi'k panti'n
Away from here if you do not go I will kill you. he said. He threw at him wing

kapto'xtii. Uipi'nkc pinik tcu'yi. Ne amona'k kapi'taponka tat
he broke. Blood red he went away. Land all was set burning after

act-hu'iki niku'ctiki; act-hu'iki ne'inak kapi'tspanka tat ku'nuku.
something good I eat it; something good ground it is burned after he said.

We asi' hus ketce'pa awiti'nki caxtxt' hus wa'ci kuti'nki
That man his sister in a shell enclosed his fingers

kapka'ipek na'tepii hi'pi po wickt' hi'nki. Wetce'kc ku'nuku we
Raised up he saved prairie grass burnt after. Since then they say that

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awiti'nki panc waca'k't namtca'xtnaa wetketat. Sit hi'pi kaptep-kapti nki
on a shell people fingernails marks they are after that. Sea grass when it caught
fire

hu'ku kamtci'n aku'no amki'pi ona'k tcktc'k ke't'naka. Act-hi'iki
they said deer bear meat all much we are killing. Things good

u'tcmakuy. We poko'npa hite'p caxcti nki tat kamtci'n ap'can-kuctana'
you have done. That high grass fire put into after deer they came out to eat

te'menaka. Aku'nc anoma'k kipi'c tokto'k hamtci'kcnaka hite'pc hicaxcti'nki tat.
we were killing. Bear all meat much we possess five is put into it after.

TRANSLATION

They say that a certain man once became angry and set fire to the dry grass along the shore of the sea. "He wants to set fire to the whole land," said the bird. Flying about he said that the water and everything about it was to be burned. "He is going to burn the water and everything about it". [The man said] "If you do not go away from here I will kill you". "If you do not go away from here I will kill you," [echoed the bird]. He threw something at it and broke its wing. It went away reddened with the blood. After the whole land had been set on fire, [the bird] said, "I have good things to eat; you have done me a good turn; I find good food after the land has been burned." A certain man saved his sister by enclosing her in a shell and raising her up held between his fingers until after the prairie grass was burned. They say that the marks of the human finger nails have remained on the shell ever since. [The people] said: "Since the sea grass has been on fire, we have been killing deer, bear, much of all kinds. You have performed a good action. Since that fire was put in to the tall grass, we have been killing the deer that came out. We have much bear meat and meat of all other kinds since the fire was put in."

NEXT MONTH: A continuation of Chitimacha Legends

SCHOOL NEWS

By: Steve Nugent, Teacher

Mr. Nugent would like to correct an oversight made by the school staff concerning student awards. **Tasia Bernard**, a sixth grader earned the high achiever plaque which is only given to those students who are on the honor roll all four 9 - week periods, but was somehow overlooked on graduation night. Her award has since been given to her, but she was not able to walk up on stage and receive it on May 20th. This is one of the highest honors a student can receive at Chitimacha Tribal School, and she deserves the recognition of her hard work and efforts. I am taking responsibility, and apologized to Tasia and her family for the oversight, and I ask that the good people of the community wish her a hardy "**Congratulations!**" when you see her around. **Great job Tasia!**

A LETTER OF THANKS:

On another note, I am sure that by now most of you know that I will not be returning to the school next year. I have been offered a position much nearer to my home in Centerville, and I will be teaching at the same school that my children will be attending in the years to come. It was an extremely difficult decision for me to make, as I have a great love for the children of the Chitimacha community. I cannot express enough thanks to all of the people who have helped me in the classroom and in 4-H activities during my stay at the school. I have always believed that the more you give, the more you wind up receiving, and this has held true during my stay. I have been welcomed into many of your homes and encouraged to join in community gatherings, so much so that many families of the reservation made me feel as though I was a part of their own family. I would like to especially thank the parents of the children I have taught for the privilege of educating their children. I have learned as much from those lovable "little rascals" as they have from me! I will dearly miss them. I would also like to thank the honorable persons of the Chitimacha School Board, the Tribal Council, and the rest of the Chitimacha Nation for the support and belief you had in me. The past four years have been the happiest years of my life, and the Chitimacha have been a great part of that happiness. Thank you.

Recreation News

By: Jeri St.Blanc

Summer softball, baseball, whiffle ball, and T-ball is at its end. Boy did we end with a bang! Byron Toups scored the winning run on his Pony League team, the Marlins. The exciting win put the Marlins with a 3-way tie for first place.

Morgan Martin pitched for the first place girls softball team, St. Mary Sugar.

Our Chitimacha Little League team saved their best play for the last game. We played Hibernia, the 2nd place team. We had a big come back in the 3rd and 4th inning and won 12-10. Great game kids.

Our Chitimacha T-ball team is doing fantastic. We've played three games and had two rain outs. Of course, in T-Ball you don't keep score. But if we would, the score would have been in our favor.

Congratulations to all the kids that completed a successful summer season. Although all of our kids did really well, we had some that were selected to special teams. Tasia Bernard was selected to the 14 and under Razin Cane Tournament team while Ashleigh Burgess and April Cook were selected for the 18 and under Razin Cane Tournament Team.

9-10 Little League All Star honors went to our Chitimacha team members, Ben Darden and Blaise St.Blanc, while 11-12 All Stars selected Robert Darden. Congratulations kids and good luck in the tournaments. Blaise and Ben will be playing in Lake Charles, July 11-12 and Robert in Lafayette on that same date.

Grant LaGarde and Jake Darden were selected for the Jeanerette All Stars. Congratulations boys and good luck. We'll see you in Lake Charles.

The Hershey Track and Field Meet was held at USL Track stadium Saturday, July 28th. We had kids competing in several events.

9-10 division:

Arielle Darden (400 meter run and long jump), Adrianna Bernard (200 meter run), Chelsey Cook (50 meter dash, 100 meter dash and softball throw), Matthew Darden (400 meter run and long jump), Jase Darden (200 meter run), Slade Bobbitt (50 meter dash and softball throw)

11-12 division:

Daryl Toups (800 meter run), Blaise St.Blanc (400 meter run and 200 meter run), Brandt Johnson (100 meter run and long jump), Grant LaGarde (softball throw)

13-14 division:

Ami Darden (800 meter run), Michelle Friedman (mile run), Eric Sisk (softball throw), Billy St.Blanc (800 meter run), Jarrod Deslatte (100 meter dash, mile run and long jump).

Our Karate Clinic went very well. 30 students signed up for the clinic. Hopefully if the interest is there we'll have Mr. Armelin come back weekly. Please voice your opinion and interest.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Just a reminder!!! Swimming lessons is for everyone, all ages. No matter what level you swim, there's a class for you, from beginner lessons to advanced, stroke instruction and life-saving skills. Lessons will be offered from 9:30 - 11:30 in 45 minute classes Monday-Friday.

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Aerobic classes are going well. Ladies, you are doing great. Keep up with your commitment and encourage other community members to come and join us. With the pool opening soon, we can take the class to the water for a low impact workout.

We have new people who are beginning exercise programs. Please do not get discouraged if you temporarily gain a little weight after you first begin your program. Your muscles retain water. When beginning to exercise, it is common for a person to gain up to 5 pounds the first week or two. Don't worry, as long as you are eating properly and exercising regularly it is not a fat gain. Muscle does outweigh fat so although you may not see dramatic results on the scale you are losing fat at the same time that you are gaining lean tissue. By gaining lean tissue your body is also becoming more proficient at burning calories. Studies have shown that those who combine aerobic exercise and weight training lose up to 13% more fat than those who do aerobic exercise only.

Your best bet is to stay away from the scale as much as possible. You will know when you're making progress when you start feeling stronger, have more energy and your clothing starts to fit differently.

With the pool opening, it is important we take measures to ensure you and your family's health and safety. To prevent youngsters from venturing into the facility without our knowledge, we will use one gate for access to the pool.

Pool surroundings are also an important issue. To reduce the risk of someone tripping or falling into the pool, we need to keep the surrounding surface clutter-free. Running will not be permitted anywhere in the pool vicinity.

Supervision is essential for taking a pro-active approach to risk-management. With close supervision we can reduce the possibility of a catastrophic incident of occurring and provide a safe environment for you and your family.

The pool policy will be out soon. When approved, we will send a copy of it with operation hours included. Our pool committee has worked very hard to provide the best program for the facility. Remember that your health and safety is our top priority.

Reminder: Soccer clinic forms are due by July 17th.

PLEASE CALL THE FITNESS CENTER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS: 923-4975

NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!!

TO ALL FELLOW TRIBAL MEMBERS:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your vote of confidence in the recent election. I am truly grateful and humbled by your overwhelming support.

I realize with the position of Vice-Chairman comes a huge responsibility and stand ready to meet the challenge. I promise to continue to represent your interest in a prudent fashion and to be accessible to you when you need me. Should you ever have questions or comments regarding our Tribal Government or any function therein, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thanks Again.

Alton LeBlanc,
Vice-Chairman

CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
JUNE 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
June 30, 1997 Beef Stew, Rice, Corn, Rolls, Salad & Ice Cream Activity: Lil Bingo	July 1, 1997 Beef Roast, Green Beans, Rice, Parsley Potatoes, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	July 2, 1997 Breakfast Baked Chicken, Macaroni n/Cheese, Corn Rolls & Jello Activity: Shopping	July 3, 1997 Meatloaf, Creamed Potatoes, Cabbage, Corn, Rolls & Jello Activity: Lil Bingo	July 4, 1997 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY
July 7, 1997 Red Beans, Rice, Sausage, Cauliflower n/Broccoli, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	July 8, 1997 Smothered Chicken, Crowder Peas, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	July 9, 1997 Breakfast Groundmeat Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Potato Salad, and Surprise Activity: Shopping	July 10, 1997 Pork Chops, Rice, White Beans, Cauliflower n/Broccoli, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	July 11, 1997 Shrimp Stew, Rice, Potato Salad, Rolls & Fruit
July 14, 1997 Pork Roast, Lima Beans, Rice, Yams, Rolls & Ice Cream Activity: Lil Bingo	July 15, 1997 White Beans, Meatball w/Tomato Gravy, Corn, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	July 16, 1997 Breakfast Pork Chops, Macaroni n/Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad & Cake Activity: RegBingo	July 17, 1997 Smothered Steak, Lima Beans, Rice, Broccoli, Rolls & Banana Pudding Activity: Shopping	July 18, 1997 Tuna Fish Sandwiches, Salmon Patties, Tator Tots & Fruit
July 21, 1997 Chicken Stew, Rice, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Ice Cream Activity: Lil Bingo	July 22, 1997 Beef Roast, Blackeye Peas, Rice, Asparagus, Salad, Rolls & Muffins Activity: Lil Bingo	July 23, 1997 Breakfast Pork Ribs, White Beans, Rice, Cabbage, Rolls & Jello Activity: Lil Bingo	July 24, 1997 Beef Stew, Rice, Peas n/Carrots, Salad, Rolls & Cake Activity: Lil Bingo	July 25, 1997 Hot Dogs, Chips, Veggie Tray & Brownies
July 28, 1997 Fried Pork Chops, Cheese Potatoes, Corn, Rolls & Surprise Activity: Lil Bingo	July 29, 1997 Brisket, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Yams, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	July 30, 1997 Pork Roast, Lima Beans, Rice, Cauliflower, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Shopping		

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Charles Johnson, Sr.

July 3

Harold Darden, Sr.

July 11

Larry Burgess

July 6

John Bobbitt

July 17

Ovide Butaud, Jr.

July 6

Janet Martin

July 20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU AND HAVE MANY MORE!!!

ENROLLMENT NEWS:

By: Ardith B. Soprano

In an effort to maintain an accurate Enrollment Records System, a new computer program has been purchased. This program will enable various Tribal Departments to access Tribal member information from one central records system. This will eliminate much of the confusion in determining current addresses, name changes and in recording births and deaths. However, our records are only as good as the information available. In order for us to get our enrollment program "up and running," we will have to verify the information that we have on hand in this office. As part of this process, each member's enrollment record will be reviewed for accuracy. Should enrollment records require adjustments, you will be contacted to provide the necessary information.

The verification process will take some time to accomplish but once done will provide an accurate record system. The goal is to have the system "up and running," by October this year in time for the Per Capita to access this information.

Once our records have been up-dated, it will be up to you to keep your records current. Please remember:

IF you move - give new address, phone number and name of all Tribal members residing at your address.

IF you are female and you get married - provide a copy of your marriage license and a copy of your new social security card for Per Capita purposes.

IF you have a death in the family - provide a copy of death certificate.

IF you have a baby - contact this office for an enrollment packet.

Thanks in advance for your help in getting this new system "up and running!"

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

By: Ardith B. Soprano

FALL APPLICATIONS: Fall 1997 applications will be going out this week. If you have not notified this office that you will need an application, please do so as soon as possible. Each application packet will contain an instruction sheet and a check list to help you complete your application. However, should you need assistance in completing the forms, please do not hesitate to call.

THREE CHEERS!!!

On June 15, 1997, the following Tribal and Community Members were honored for their educational accomplishments:

Cheries Burgess	Chitimacha GED
Marty Burgess	Chitimacha GED
Tammy Burgess	Chitimacha GED
Lester Butaud	Chitimacha GED
Arthur Lightell	Chitimacha GED
Heather Moneaux	Chitimacha GED
Anthony Soprano, Jr.	Chitimacha GED
Hunter Burgess	Sequoyah H.S., OK
Tracie Burgess	Jennings High
Stephanie Chatelain	Baton Rouge Magnet High
Nicole Clements	Franklin Senior High
Jules Darden	Sequoyah H.S., OK
Jolaine Himel	H.L. Bourgeois H.S.
Jayce LeBlanc	Thibodaux H.S.
Stephanie Merwin	Mt. Carmel Academy
Blake Mora	St. Charles H.S.
Travis Mora	Franklin Senior High
Elizabeth Oser	Fontainebleau H.S.
Kynan Parro	Franklin Senior High
Timothy Scariano	Faith Christian High
Chad Sisk	Community H.S., TX
Carlie Soprano	Franklin Senior High
Nicole Chatelain	University of New Orleans
Rebecca Senette	Nicholls State University
Kelly Thomas-Beacham	U.S.L.
Troy Verges	LSU School of Dentistry

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!!!!!

News from the Fire Department

Sheryl Sinitiere, Fire Chief

In April 1997, the Charenton/Chitimacha Volunteer Fire Department became the first fire department in St. Mary Parish to implement an Automated External Defibrillation program. The Lifepak 500 AED was purchased thru Physio-Control Corporation and placed in service on April 27, 1997. Six days after being placed in service, the device proved to be a valuable asset, as it was used to successfully resuscitate a cardiac arrest victim who was a visitor to the Chitimacha reservation.

In addition to an initial 40 hour First Responder Course, the AED trained personnel must attend an additional 8 hours of initial AED training. To remain current as an AED provider, these First Responders must also go through additional training every 90 days. Presently, the Charenton/Chitimacha Volunteer Fire Department has 4 First Responders who are trained as AED providers with plans in place to train all remaining First Responders this summer.

AUTOMATED DEFIBRILLATORS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVAL

In the fall of 1990 the American Heart Association's (AHA) Emergency Cardiac Care Committee and its Subcommittee on Advanced Cardiac Life Support strongly re-emphasized its position that systematic provision of early defibrillation must be considered a prime goal of all emergency medical services. The AHA stresses that, *"all emergency vehicles responding to cardiac emergencies or transporting cardiac patients should be equipped with an automated defibrillator"*.

What is Defibrillation?

In the U.S. some 1000 cardiac arrests occur each day with the majority of these arrests due to ventricular fibrillation. Ventricular fibrillation, which is usually fatal unless halted within 10 minutes, is irregular, totally disorganized electrical activity of the ventricles which produces no cardiac output or pulse.

Early defibrillation has long been emphasized as the standard therapy for cardiac arrest patients who are in ventricular fibrillation. Its purpose is to re-establish a normal spontaneous rhythm in the heart within a few minutes of collapse.

Why Is It Important That Defibrillation Be "Early"?

Decades of study, experience and statistics demonstrate that defibrillation is a time-dependent therapy -- the earlier a victim is defibrillated, the better chance he or she will eventually be resuscitated. That's why it's critically important that the first emergency care providers that reach the victim be equipped with a defibrillator that can be set up and used within seconds of arriving at the scene. Defibrillation delayed longer than 10 minutes stands a very low probability of success.

Why Does The AHA Specify Automated Defibrillators?

Automated defibrillators are used by first responders because they are extremely easy to learn to operate and are very accurate. They require minimum training because they eliminate the need to learn the complex skills of cardiac rhythm recognition and manual defibrillation. A typical automated defibrillator includes two adhesive electrodes that are attached to the patient's chest. When activated, the defibrillator's microprocessor analyzes the patient's cardiac rhythm, and if ventricular fibrillation or tachycardia is

present, the device either charges and delivers a shock (automatic devices) or charges and advises the operator to deliver a shock (semi-automatic or shock-advisory devices).

For quality assurance purposes, the automated defibrillator records all the activities and data generated during its use. This data is reviewed by the emergency service's medical director to provide quality assurance. Run reports are also used by the service in its training courses.

Typically, What Public Service Employees/Agencies Have Automated Defibrillators?

Before automated defibrillators were available, only paramedics - professional rescuers with extensive advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) training - could perform defibrillation. ACLSs include emergency medical technicians (EMTs), some firefighters, volunteer emergency personnel, physicians, nurses and paramedics. However, the simplicity of operation and accuracy of automated defibrillators has substantially reduced the time and expense of initial training and continuing education thereby dramatically increased the number of persons who can effectively operate these devices. As a result, every year more communities in the U.S. implement the use of automated defibrillators by less trained personnel call "first responders" - a term that refers specifically to persons who have usually completed a 40 - hour course or its equivalent. First responders include that large group of public safety employees who may respond to an emergency but whose primary job is not emergency medicine; these include firefighters, ambulance personnel, part-time emergency volunteers, police officers, highway patrol personnel, security guards and public transportation vehicle crews. The involvement of first responders in defibrillation has led to a substantial increase in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival in many communities.

How Effective Are Early Defibrillation Programs?

We know that early defibrillation saves lives. However, the most important statistics on effectiveness compare the survival rate in communities before and after institution of early defibrillation programs. In King County, Washington, for example, the survival rate for patients in ventricular fibrillation increased from 7% before early defibrillation to 26% after the implementation of an early defibrillation program. In some communities in Iowa it increased from 3% to 19%; in southeastern Minnesota from 4% to 17%.



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who took time out of their day to go to the polls & cast their vote for me for School Board. Even though I did not win,

I certainly appreciate your support.

I would also like to congratulate Belinda Darden & Darlene Toups -

I am certain they will do a fine job!

Thank you all

Earlene Thomas

Thank you for your support
in the election for School Board
Darlene Toups

Demonstration Day

Due to the rainy weather the police department had to cancel the demonstration day that was scheduled on Saturday, June 28, 1997 at the Tribal ball park. This event will be rescheduled sometime in July.

NOTICE!!!

The Police Department has a set of keys that were left at the ball park after the car wash on Saturday, June 21, 1997. If you are missing some keys, please call or come to the police department. Thanks.

